

Method of Calculating Valuation-Based Building Construction Fees

The permit technician or plans examiner determines the department valuation of the total construction cost of a project, using data tables that list the standard construction cost per square foot, by type of construction and occupancy. (See footnote.) The department generally uses data tables published by nationally recognized code organizations, but may use other means to estimate valuation as needed. (See Standard Construction Values.) The department valuation is then applied to the fee tables below to determine the required plan review and inspection fees.

Department Valuation	Plan Review Fee
\$1 - \$500	\$20.48
\$501 - \$2,000	\$20.48, plus \$2.73 per \$100 of Value > \$500
\$2,001 - \$25,000	\$61.43, plus \$10.92 per \$1,000 of Value > \$2,000
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$312.59, plus \$8.19 per \$1,000 of Value > \$25,000
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$517.34, plus \$5.46 per \$1,000 of Value > \$50,000
\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$790.34, plus \$4.44 per \$1,000 of Value > \$100,000
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$2,566.94, plus \$3.76 per \$1,000 of Value > \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000	\$4,446.44, plus \$3.08 per \$1,000 of Value > \$1,000,000

Department Valuation	Inspection Fee
\$1 - \$500	\$31.50
\$501 - \$2,000	\$31.50, plus \$4.20 per \$100 of Value > \$500
\$2,001 - \$25,000	\$94.50, plus \$16.80 per \$1,000 of Value > \$2,000
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$480.90, plus \$12.60 per \$1,000 of Value > \$25,000
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$795.90, plus \$8.40 per \$1,000 of Value > \$50,000
\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$1,215.90, plus \$6.83 per \$1,000 of Value > \$100,000
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$3,947.90, plus \$5.78 per \$1,000 of Value > \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000	\$6,837.90, plus \$4.73 per \$1,000 of Value > \$1,000,000

Fee amounts include 5% fee surcharge.

A fee of \$197.40 is charged per re-inspection if requested inspections cannot be conducted because construction work is not complete or when construction work or site conditions are not compliant with codes or permit requirements.

Additional fees may be charged for certificates of occupancy under the following circumstances:

- Occupancy of each of multiple buildings constructed under a single building permit: \$394.80 per certificate.
- Occupancy of an individual condominium dwelling unit or part of a building not yet completely constructed: \$181.65 per certificate.
- Temporary occupancy: \$394.80 per certificate.
- Shell construction: \$394.80 per certificate.

This information is a general guide and should not be used as a substitute for current codes and regulations. Please contact King County Permitting at 206-296-6600 for additional information.

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